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## SENATE DEBATING APPROPRIATIONS

NINE SECTIONS OF BILL PASSED LAST NIGHT—EFFORT MADE TO REDUCE AMOUNT FOR THE UNIVERSITY—FINANCE COMMITTEE WINS OUT.

Columbia, March 8.—The senate got into action on the general appropriation bill last night and passed the first nine sections of the measure without a single change from the recommendations of the finance committee, despite efforts to cut down the University of South Carolina appropriation and efforts to raise clerks' salaries.

The finance committee's recommendations were put forward at every point, so much so that Senator McGehee said he was tempted to move that the entire appropriation bill be adopted as printed without further debate. The action of the senate was the smoothest so far encountered by the finance committee.

When the bill was taken up and the sections and subsections read item by item no effort to make a change was made for the legislative department, the judicial department, the governor's office, the secretary of state's office, the comptroller general's office and the attorney general's office. The first amendment of the night was made by Senator Hart to increase the salary of the bond clerk in the state treasurer's office from \$1,700 to \$2,200, but this was voted down. Some explanations were necessary on the adjutant general's appropriation, but no serious objection was voiced.

When Section 10, the university, was reached it occasioned considerable discussion and effort to reduce. Senator Wightman moved to amend the amount to pay the professors—\$102,970, and make it \$90,000, but after debate the amendment was turned down and the item left alone. The provision for \$2,000 for plans and preparations for a woman's buildings also brought on a good deal of debate. Senator Goodwin moved to strike out the amount, but after the debate the senate refused to strike out the item by a vote of 28 to 6. Senator Wightman's proposed amendment was killed by a vote of 35 to 2.

Senator Bonham early in the night moved to restore all salaries of state employees to the same basis as of 1921, but following explanations he did not press the motion with the understanding that it be taken up after the bill has been finished section by section.

Senator McGhee of Greenwood made some "observations" on the university, the need of endowment of the institution and said that reductions should be made. Mr. McGhee said he wanted the people of the state to consider the matter of an endowment for the university such as other schools have and he asked what the alumni of the school have done along this line. He also asked what the city of Columbia had done and answered the question by saying that Columbia had done nothing for the university except to admit that it was here.

As passed last night the nine sections of the appropriation bill carry the following totals: Legislative department, \$108,167; the judicial department, \$157,698.66; the governor's office, \$17,969.24; secretary of state's office, \$10,000; comptroller general's office, \$723,906.34; this including the \$100,000 reduction made by the finance committee over the house bill for pensions; attorney general's office \$14,331.25; state treasurer's office, \$257,834.62; adjutant general's office, \$55,996.50; the university, \$193,203.70.

There are 67 sections of the bill and action will be resumed this morning when the senate reconvenes at 10:30 o'clock.

## SIX KILLED AND SCORES INJURED

IN TORNADO AT WARRENVILLE TUESDAY MORNING.—MANY OF INJURED EXPECTED TO DIE—HOUSES CRUMPLED UP AS IF MADE OF PASTE BOARD

Augusta, Ga., March 7.—Six persons are known to have been killed and scores were injured in the wind and rain storm, which early today flooded streams, and caused heavy property damage in this section of Georgia and South Carolina.

Four mill villages—Langley, Stiefleton, Graniteville and Warrenville, in the Horse Creek valley, of South Carolina were struck by the tornado just before daybreak today and houses were swept away, trees uprooted and telegraph poles felled, leaving the section in darkness and without wire communication with the outside world.

The victims were caught under their fallen homes. In some sections the storm swept away everything in its path, scattering parts of buildings and furniture over the fields.

The brunt of the storm appeared to have hit Warrenville and Stiefleton, where six persons are known to be dead. Every house in a row of twelve except one in Warrenville was razed. Four houses were destroyed in Stiefleton.

Four of the dead were children under ten years of age.

In Macon the rainfall was described as the heaviest in twenty-three years.

The dead are: Fred Hoover, age 12; Dolly Mitchell, age 5; Mrs. L. Munday, age 40; Mrs. Boyd, age 35; Son Wood, age 14; Dorothy Wood, age 8.

Many of the injured are expected to die. Estimates of the number injured in both Warrenville and Stiefleton are conservatively placed at 40.

Aid has been rushed from Aiken, and the Aiken chapter of the Red Cross in charge of Miss Agnes Campbell, R. G. Torrence and Miss Anna Phelps of Washington, D. C., is rushing relief measures.

Twenty-two houses were razed at Warrenville and six were razed and blown away at Stiefleton.

Warrenville is a mill village between Augusta and Aiken, just off the Southern railroad. Stiefleton is a small settlement a quarter of a mile from Warrenville.

The storm struck Warrenville about 5 o'clock this morning and it was three hours later before any information of the disaster reached the outside world. The town was completely isolated.

### E. W. GREGORY TO INSTALL RADIO MACHINE

E. W. Gregory of the Abbeville Telephone Company has ordered a radio machine and expects to install the same in the Austin-Perrin Drug Store where free concerts will be given each evening in order to demonstrate the machine. A radio machine is nothing more than a wireless telephone and the people of Abbeville will be glad for Mr. Gregory to explain the working of the wireless. At these concerts he will put you in communication with friends in New York or elsewhere.

### MR. HUMBERT'S FATHER ILL

H. B. Humbert, County Engineer of the Highway Commission was called to the bedside of his father, Capt. J. B. Humbert of Princeton, who suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago and has been in feeble health since. Capt. Humbert was a member of the famous Wallace House of 1876 and is one of the very few members surviving.

S. A. Speed of Lowndesville is visiting relatives in town.

## HOUSE REFUSES TO SUSPEND RULE

NO SEED GRAIN FOR FARMERS OF NORTHWEST—ONLY SIX SHORT OF NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS TO SPEND MILLION DOLLARS.

Washington, March 7.—By a close vote the house refused today to suspend its rules and pass a bill authorizing an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of seed grain to be used in the drought stricken areas of the Northwest.

With five members voting "present" the vote was 191 to 99 or six votes short of the two-thirds needed for passage.

Sharp debate preceded the vote. Proponents of the bill declared the situation in the Northwest was critical and contended the government should lend assistance. Opponents of the measure, most of whom were Democrats, held, however, that it had not been shown that the farmers affected were destitute or had exhausted their credit resources.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming, Republican leader, urging passage of the bill, said that settlers in North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington, the four states chiefly affected by the legislation, were carrying on a great "experiment" to determine whether crops could be grown on their lands or whether the soil was good only for grazing purposes.

"The question is, are they to abandon their homes and their struggle or are they to be given the opportunity to pursue the experiment which means more to the country as a whole than to them individually or collectively?" Mr. Mondell stated.

Speaking in opposition to the measure Representative Garrett of Tennessee, Democratic leader, declared it was time for the Republican majority congress that is "making a pretense at economy to use more discretion in advocating bills that call for government expenditures." He said that no evidence had been presented to the agriculture committee that farmers in the Northwest were in destitute circumstances.

The agricultural appropriation bill last year carried \$2,000,000 for the purchase of seed grain to be loaned farmers in the Northwest. Representative Buchanan of Texas, a Democratic member of the appropriation committee, told the house that at hearings before the subcommittee preparing this year's agricultural bill it was brought out that only \$600,000 of the \$2,000,000 loaned farmers last spring had been repaid.

### THE LATEST NOVELTY IN THE BUILDING LINE

Combination Church and Seventeen Story Hotel To Be Built In New York

New York, March 7.—A combination church and 17 story modern hotel is to be New York's latest novelty in buildings. The structure, providing Sunday school space in the basement, a church on the first three floors and a missionary school on the roof, will be erected on the site of the Metropolitan Tabernacle Broadway and 14th street.

A strict censorship will be exercised over hotel guests, and playing and dancing will be prohibited. The estimated cost is \$1,500,000.

### CONFEDERATE VETERAN GOES TO HIS REWARD

W. H. Frith died Tuesday morning at the home of his son, Larkin Frith, in the Mill Village and was buried at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Sharon. Rev. Kilgore conducted the funeral services. Mr. Frith was 81 years old and was a gallant Confederate soldier during the war, being a member of Company G, First South Carolina Cavalry, Hampton's Brigade.

## LLOYD GEORGE WILL CONTINUE

COLLEAGUES ANXIOUS FOR HIM TO REMAIN AT HELM UNTIL AFTER GENOA CONFERENCE—INFLUENCES AT WORK

London, March 7.—The impression is general tonight that the political situation has been relieved of considerable strain in the past 24 hours, authoritative reports indicating that the prime minister has decided to continue in office.

Influenced by his Unionist colleagues, particularly with reference to the international position that would be affected by a change in the premiership at this time, Mr. Lloyd George is said to be at least ready to hold his resignation in abeyance. It is understood that assurances of the support of these leaders were given last night at a dinner given last night by Lord Birkenhead at which, in addition to the prime minister and the lord chancellor there were present Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Arthur Balfour, Lord Curzon, Sir Robert Stevenson Horne and Sir Laming Worthington Evans.

Meanwhile Mr. Lloyd George was confined to his room in his Downing-street residence all day suffering from bronchial catarrh; he received no visitors and is expected to leave Wednesday on his doctor's orders for a rest of a week or longer at his old home at Criccieth, Wales. The conservative members of parliament are meeting privately in the house of commons tonight to discuss the entire position and it is reported that a meeting of the national executives of the Unionist party, comprising representatives from all parts of the country, is to be called for March 14.

While definite guarantees of the support of the rank and file of the Unionists were not given at the Birkenhead dinner it is understood that assurances have been received in the past few days that this backing will be considerable. A unanimous agreement is said to have been reached at last night's gathering that instead of the coalition breaking up, steps should be taken to coalesce into the talked of National party. Announcement of the policy decided upon is awaited in Sir Arthur Balfour's address to his constituents in London tomorrow. He is credited with using his best endeavors to persuade the premier to continue at least until after the Genoa conference.

### THE BODY OF CARUSO WAS BURIED INTACT

The Embalmer Wanted To Remove Vocal Organs But The Family Refused

Naples March 7.—Giovanni Caruso, brother of the late Enrico Caruso, who has just arrived from the United States, asserts that the body of the tenor was buried intact. Dr. Salvia, who embalmed the body, had wanted to remove the vocal organs, Giovanni said, but the family of the singer refused its permission.

The foregoing dispatch confirms the statement of Mrs. Caruso, widow of the tenor, who declared there was no truth in the report printed in a Rome newspaper last week that the vocal organs of the singer had been kept for medical examination.

### REV. G. M. TELFORD CONDUCTS SERVICES

Rev. G. M. Telford is conducting services at the Presbyterian church this week. The service every morning is only 45 minutes long and the stores close at 10:30 o'clock and remain closed for that length of time allowing the merchants to attend the meeting.

## PLAN FOR CABLES FOR NATIONS

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON—SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION NOT MADE PUBLIC BUT WILL BE PRESENTED

Washington, March 7.—Plans for the distribution of all cables taken over from Germany under the provisions of the treaty of Versailles were presented today to the ambassadors of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan by Acting Secretary Fletcher of the state department as chairman of the international conference on communications which is considering the final allocation of former German lines. Details of the proposed distribution were not made public, but will be transmitted by members of the conference to their respective governments for review.

Settlement of the former German cable lines in the Pacific was effected by distribution of those lines among the United States, Japan and the Netherlands at the time of the conference on limitation of armaments, but that allocation was made contingent upon division of the three former German cable lines in the Atlantic, Italy reserving the right to acknowledge distribution of the Pacific cables until her claims in the Atlantic lines had been met.

It was understood that the Italian government insisted upon receiving one-fifth of all the former German cables either in kind or in monetary value cash settlement to be applied toward the construction of a cable line from Genoa to the Azores. Interest of the United States and Japan was largely met by the allocations to them in the Pacific, while Great Britain has been operating one of the former German cables between Pinzance, England, and Halifax. The French government has control of the remaining two German cables in the Atlantic, one running from Brest to New York and the other from Brest to Pernambuco, Brazil.

### SEVEN GIRLS ARE KILLED

Thirty Severely Injured in Powder Explosion

Birmingham, England, March 7.—Seven girls were killed and thirty severely injured today in an explosion of powder which they were removing from the cartridges in a factory at Tipton, a short distance northwest of Birmingham. The faces of the injured girls were blackened by the powder beyond recognition.

The disaster occurred at the Knowles factory, which recently purchased 160 tons of cartridges from the government. The factory employs more than fifty girls, who were engaged in the task of removing the metal portions of the cartridges prior to the melting of the metal into ingots. The explosive contents were placed in separate receptacles. The explosion blew off the roof of the building.

### MRS. W. A. CALVERT SICK

Mrs. W. A. Calvert who has been in ill health for some time was taken worse on Monday night and has been practically unconscious ever since. Mrs. Calvert has a host of friends in town and throughout the county who will be grieved to hear of her illness.

### ENDS OWN LIFE

Greenwood, March 6.—Bob Coffee committed suicide at his home this afternoon in the Grendel mill village by cutting his throat. He was a mill operative and leaves a family.

### Base Ball Team Organized

The high school base ball team has been organized and began practice on Tuesday afternoon. It is hoped the team will give the people some good ball this spring.

## BABE RUTH'S SALARY IS \$75,000 YEAR NET

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB OWNERS SAY THE SALARY QUESTION IS SERIOUS—DEVELOPMENTS PAST FORTY YEARS.

New York, March 7.—George Wright, star shortstop of the Cincinnati Red Sox, played throughout the entire season of 1869 for a salary of \$1,200. The Red Stockings played 57 games that year, of which they won 56 and tied one, a record which has never been duplicated. Wright was the highest paid member of the team.

Babe Ruth, home run hitter extraordinary, signed on Sunday a contract with the New York American league club which will net him approximately \$75,000 during the coming season. The contract is for three years with a renewal option for two seasons additional. If continued for the five years George Herman Ruth will receive a total of not less than \$375,000.

These figures give an idea of the development of professional baseball in this country during the past fifty years. They also are the cause of frequent conferences behind closed doors in which baseball magnates argue the question as to whether they are building a salary Frankenstein which will in time turn and destroy what has been in the past a reasonably profitable business. Big league baseball club owners will not discuss publicly this subject except in the most abstracted manner. It is the consensus of opinion as expressed by the magnates, however, that the situation is serious.

It is estimated that the salary lists of the sixteen clubs of the two major leagues will aggregate more than \$2,000,000 this season. The maximum figures for any one club are placed at about \$225,000 and the minimum at a trifle over \$100,000. To this expense must be added ground rent, travel charges, local, state and federal taxes; interest on mortgages, officers and such as advertising ticket printing and supplies.

A study of baseball salaries over a period of the past thirty to forty years shows the steady increase which has developed from year to year. In the early seventies \$1,500 was a top notch figure for a star player. At the beginning of 1900 players of similar calibre were receiving from \$5,00 to \$10,000 a season.

### SUPPLY OF WINE RAN OUT

Unusual Situation at Spartanburg Churches on Sunday

Spartanburg, March 7.—Sunday was communion day at the Protestant churches of the city, and at several of the churches the supply of wine, provided for the occasion proved inadequate, due to the large increase in attendance and the increased number of communicants.

In each case, however, the pastor and church officers were able to see before the ceremony ended that the wine would not hold out and sent for additional supplies, and no church member had to go without communion.

The largely increased attendance at the church services in the city is attributed to the recent Billy Sunday campaign.

### MEET IN NEW ORLEANS

Cottonseed Crushers Fix Convention Dates

New Orleans, March 7.—At a meeting here today of the executive committee of the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers' association it was decided to hold the annual convention of the association in New Orleans May 10, 11 and 12.